Tailback Rego leaves ND after 'problem'

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

As the result of an unspecified "personal problem," freshman tailback Cooper Rego is no longer enrolled at the University.

Reports in recent weeks had indicated that Rego's status on the football team and at the University was in question, because of an off-the-field incident.

Reached last night at his home in New York, Rego confirmed that he left the University "about a week ago." "I have had some personal problems that I can't comment on," he said. Rego declined to offer any other details surrounding his departure.

University administrators declined to comment on the nature of Rego's departure or whether he had been asked to leave the University by the administration.

"That's something that I can't talk about," said Dennis Moors, director of Notre Dame Public Relations, "even whether or not it exists." Patricia O'Hara, vice president for Student Affairs, cited a long-standing policy of her office in declining to comment.

"The Office of Student Affairs has never acknowledged the existence of disciplinary matters or the outcome of disciplinary matters," O'Hara said.

Head coach Bob Davie and running backs coach Desmond Howard could not be reached for comment last night.

Rego was named to the Parade all-America team and the USA Today all-America second team during his senior year at St. Joseph High School in Montvale, N.J. He was also on the Gatorade player of the year in New Jersey as a senior.

He did not play a game at tailback last fall.

Science Web site to feature ND research

Science and engineering research at the University of Notre Dame will be featured Feb. 12-22 on the World Wide Web site of the Science Coalition. Founded in 1995, the Science Coalition is an alliance of more than 400 organizations - including Notre Dame and 73 other leading universities - dedicated to sustaining the federal government's historic commitment to leadership in science and engineering research.

Notre Dame's highlights include four recent research breakthroughs: discovery of the fossilized skeleton of what may be the largest Tyrannosaur on record, the first evidence of a new subatomic particle, the first demonstration of a transistor-like approach to computing, and the discovery of the physical phenomenon at work in the ability of granular particles to hold their shape.

In addition, brief descriptions are provided of five centers of research excellence - the Vector Biology and Parasitology Program, the Center for Environmental Science and Technology, the Radiation Laboratory, the Structure Dynamics and Control/Earthquake Engineering Laboratory, and the Hank University of Notre Dame Environmental Research Center.

Numerous links are provided on the Web site for access to more information on the individual projects as well as the highlighted centers and labs and the University's research office.

Wetherbee discusses Mir, space program

By FINN PRESSLY
News Writer

Capt. James Wetherbee, space shuttle commander and Notre Dame graduate, returned to campus on Monday to meet with students, faculty, and administrators regarding his experiences with space exploration.

In his most recent flight, his fourth space shuttle mission, Wetherbee commanded the Atlantis to a successful docking with the beleaguered Russian space station, Mir.

In addition to his duties in space, Wetherbee is deputy director of the Johnson Space Center.

He has also addressed Congress in regards to the possible safety hazards that face American astronauts aboard Mir. Though Russian aeronautical equipment is often criticized in the press, Wetherbee stated the Russians have plenty of experience in building spacecraft, and that the Mir space station is "well designed and sturdy." He pointed out that an inferior space station would have simply "come apart at the seams" following a collision such as the one that rocked Mir last June.

"It's in great shape for a 76-year-old man," he said, also adding that

One ticket to run for RHA Executive Board

By ARIANNA BUTLER
News Writer

Only one ticket has decided to run in the Saint Mary's Resident Hall Association elections on Wednesday.

The ticket consists of Gina Guerrero for president, Mary Hinson for vice president, Kathy Rademacher for secretary, and Jennifer Appleton for treasurer.

According to Barbara Nolan, who is in charge of the elections, the Guerrero ticket will still need to attain 51 percent of the vote in order to be elected. If this is not achieved then a run-off election will be required.

The ticket has been running its campaign under the acronym "GRAB." The platform for the ticket includes creating more social events in the residence halls. Events would include weekend activities, sponsoring informal dances, investigating the possibility of offering a lighted sailboat, and work in conjunction with› student organizers.

The ticket also hopes to increase hall spirit by establishing better ties, sponsoring informal activities, and sending residence halls to Dalloways.

"I believe the election was a lot of fun," said Guerrero.

Looking for a few good folk college students...

By BRIAN ANDERSON

Brian Anderson, an official recruitment representative from the Peace Corps provided information about the national service organization in the concourse of the library yesterday. 
I remember freshman year so clearly that I swear it happened yester­day. It was the time when everything stretched out in front of me, the future stretching to happen. Or so I thought.

It was the day that each moment was not as significant as the whole picture of where I came from and where I might be headed. There were a million things that I wanted to do and a million years in which to do them. I could easily waste time being afraid.

Then, I blinked.

Now, I'm starting Junior Parent's Weekend right in the face. It's on the verge of ending half of my college career and I've been on a wild, whirling ride since freshman year. Things have constantly been changing.

It seemed, then, that each moment was an opportunity, a sentence, a day, a world, a lifetime. There were a million things that I could do and a million years in which to do them. I could easily waste time being afraid.

But the present moment is all you have. The only thing you are and everything you are going to be converges in this moment because tomorrow, or even in the next second, everything is going to change.

It's not about waiting for things to happen. It's not something that happens to you. If you don't live your life, you don't even know the means to achieve it right now, then you should chase it, setting all fears and reserva­tions aside. If you want to be married, then you have to find them.

So, what we mean means putting your heart and hopes at risk. Sure, you may find yourself plagued by nagging doubts about whether you are ready or not. But at least you aren't still waiting for things to happen. In the present moment, at least you can look to the wonderful things going on right now, no matter how small, and be thankful for them.

We are each active participants in this complicated thing called life. When the sun rises in a blur of orange and purple, we are the ones who open our eyes to see it. When we laugh with our friends and when we let them see us, we are the ones who drop our guard, open our hearts, and find something beautiful. That's why this moment — this second — contains all of the possibilities we can imagine, if we only summon up the courage within ourselves to act on them.

Right now, I think Ernest Hemingway said it better than I ever could in his novel "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Hemingway wrote..."...in the present you have the life you have today, tonight, tomorrow, today, tonight, tomorrow..." and so you had better take time there is and be very thankful for it.

If you are living right now. Whatever you're planning or thinking about — do it, say it, chase it and don't be afraid. Instead of worrying about what might happen or feeling sad about the things you can't do, live in the present and be thankful for the happiness it can bring you. Right now, this moment is all that is. And if you blink, you will certainly miss it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**Indian University**

Resolution examines pro-life funding

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

An IU Student Association resolution to fund pro-life activities is the center of a controversy that might define IU's place in political expression on campus. The reso­lution calls for funding that would reimburse the Women's Center and the entire task came to about $25,000. The money would have been spent on things that might make IU's place in political expression on campus.

The resolution was introduced in response to the recent decision to defund the Women's Center. The resolution was introduced in response to the recent decision to defund the Women's Center.

"We urge the university to create a neutral on abortion or begin allocating similar funds for pro-life activities," the resolution says.

"The funds would come from the Grass Roots Initiative Fund. IU Student Senate and is self-generated by IUSA through fundraising and is intended for activities, such as political rallies, that do not meet the guidelines for other funding. People are debating whether or not we should fund public debate, but that was the plan for things that we could do," said senior Lucas McGregor, IUSA senator and WSA member.

**COLORADO UNIVERSITY**

Toxins found on CU campus

BOULDER, Colo.

Discovering "unknowns" is the stuff of higher education. But "unknowns" on the CU campus has had another and much more sinister meaning. It refers to drums, bottles and other containers of suspected chemicals with labels identifying the contents. When CU's Environmental Health and Safety Division declared an amnesty on unknowns, about 700 such containers were "discovered." A mobile laboratory was brought in, and the contents were identified and shipped to disposal sites. The tab for the lab was $1,500 and the cost of the site. The lab was efficient, each of those containers would have had to have been picked up and shipped to a laboratory, and the cost would have been as high as $1,500 per container — or as much as a million dollars total. The money would have come out of each department's budget.

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**South Bend Weather**

5 Day South Bend Forecast

**National Weather**

The AccuWeather Forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

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**Outside the Dome**

Gun shots break up charity event at UVA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

Two students were assaulted late Monday night when gun shots were heard outside of Beta Theta Pi fraternity house on Maury Avenue.

The incident occurred during a party at the Beta house, which had been rented for a charity event. Charlottesville police officials said they do not know why the shots were fired or what prompted the incident.

According to the city police report, "Two shots from an undetermined direction," were heard when the police officers arrived on the scene. The report described the scene as chaotic with people running from the house.

Paris Smothers, a first-year college student who was in the house, said she was uncertain of what was happening.

"There was chaos," Smothers said. "People heard a loud noise, which some perceived to be gun shots." There was some confusion, and some people were scared. (Inside the house) people were running around," she added.

"I was under a table. I was trying to figure out what to do. I just wanted to be able to get home in one piece.

Charlottesville Police Sgt. Gary Pleasant said the police report stated that the "DJ cut the music off," mak­ing some people at the party angry.

Angry party attendess then pro­ceeded to break the DJ's records, Pleasant said.

Outside, shortly afterwards, shots were fired, though "no one knows who fired the shots," he said.

He added that the police are sure the people who caused the problem were not University students.

No University police should not have been admitted in the first place, according to Inter-Fraternity Council president Chris Jeffries. "The house has to follow IFC poli­cies and there is no guarantee that they do," he said.

Each group that wishes to rent out a house is required to sign a contract that states the standards of conduct, which includes policies and regulations of the University, Jeffries said.

Beta vice president Ryan Jacoby said the event was not sponsored by the fraternity and was for charity.

"If you didn't have a student DJ it was more expensive."
**El Niño continues devastation**

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — After a weekend break that included a little sunshine, a new El Niño-enhanced storm rolled ashore Monday with more rain for sodden California.

And as many as four more storms could strike Northern California this week.

"This year is definitely making a run and is on pace to certainly catch up with the wettest year in history," '92-'93, said James Bailey, assistant chief of the state Flood Operations Center.

"It would appear at this time, if all the quantity of precipitation that is forecast comes through Sunday, it looks like it could be the second wettest week of the year," Bailey said.

In 1982-83, when the El Niño phenomenon was first identified, California had twice its usual number of winter storms. During an El Niño, warm water normally situated off Australia sloshes eastward to the west coast of South America, adding heat energy to weather systems. It was named for the Spanish words for baby Jesus because it usually hits South America around Christmas.

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**Students unhappy with spring break tour group**

The Daily Northwestern (Northwestern)

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Space

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Glenn’s excellent physical condition will protect his body from the cardiovascular stress caused by space flight.

Wehburge received a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering from Notre Dame in 1974. He served as a naval aviator from 1975 until 1984, when he was selected for the international Space Station.

Wehburge’s goals in coming to Notre Dame was to emphasize to students the critical importance of the material that they will learn here.

“Things that [students] are learning, they will use all throughout their future,” said Wehburge.

Election

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hiking hall mascots and colors and hosting an inter-hall festival which would include a week-long competition between the five halls.

In addition, the ticket hopes to increase attendance at sporting events with free food and raffles as well as having hall events during Saint Mary’s pride day.

Their platform also includes: establishing an RHA newsletter, a big sister program which would pair upper class women with first year students, and a first year survival assistance program.

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The toll of the fighting is still being added up. At least 118 people were killed, most of them civilians. At least 700 more were injured and large parts of the city were left in ruins.
The exams and Tuesday, February 17, 1998

Catholic its pro-British Protestant majority and work," for conclude by May, are seeking to find a way to talks' chairman, former Adams appeared furious after a daylong from Northern Ireland's peace talks after two Mitchell, behind closed doors at Dublin urged that Sinn Fein be barred from the talks. The talks, which are unprecedented in the history of the IRA, were fear for the future by members of Sinn Fein to be expelled. The talks, which]

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**Jet crash leaves hundreds dead**

Associated Press

A China Airlines jet trying to land in fog crashed into a country neighborhood Monday, ripping the roofs off houses before skidding into a rice paddy and erupting in flames. Authorities said all 196 aboard and nine people on the ground were killed.

Firefighters went house to house in the blackened neighborhood, putting out the flames licking doors and windows and searching for survivors. Searchlights illuminated a life raft from the Airbus A-300, wrapped around a broken tree stump. Seams from the plane were scattered in the dirt, one with a body trapped beneath it.

China Airlines' seat belt the governor of Taiwan's Central Bank and other key financiers, including Taiwanesi families returning from vacations in Bali, and four Americans.

Victims in the ground had been identified as a 6-month-old baby.

Witnesses said the airliner hit hundreds of yards short of the runway at Chiang Kai-shek airport, 25 miles west of Taipei. It tore through the second floors of homes strung along a highway before shifting to a stop in flames. "I heard a blast, and was scared to death. Parts of the house started to fall down," said Chen Ah-mei, who had to crawl out of the ruins of her home on her hands and knees. "I saw the hospital. It needed to be treated at a hospital. It happened so fast -- noise and fire," said an elderly farmer who ran to the scene as soon as he saw the flames. He is without himself only as "Chen."

The fiery impact scattered charred bodies and parts along the road and throughout the sparsely populated area, home to fish farms, small factories and warehouses. The smell of jet fuel and burning rubber lingered hours after the crash. Only the tail of the broken jet was recognizable. Authorities sealed off the neighborhood, leaving families of passengers to cry at hospitals and airports. Relatives broke into tears and fell into another's arms as the extent of the disaster hit them; one woman collapsed to the floor. "They all went to Bali on a trip, and they are all dead," said a woman whose four children were on the flight. Rescue workers on the scene said they had given up looking for survi­vors, but the deputy director-general of Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration, Chang Kuo-cheng, said he still hoped to find survivors among the 182 passengers and 14 crew mem­bers.

Airport officials said two flight data recorders were recovered and were being analyzed to help determine the cause of the crash. The twin-engine Airbus went down while attempting to land on a second approach at the airport's northern runway, the Taipei-based China Airlines reported.

Heavy fog was reported around the airport throughout the afternoon and evening, and a light rain was falling at the time of the crash. The plane had been asked to make the second approach due to poor visi­bility, said Hanific Liu, a China Airlines spokesman. Earlier, the Civil Aeronautics Administration had said the visibility was reported to be ade­quate.

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**States raise standards for teachers**

Associated Press

Virginia's governor, Jim dataset, meant to shock his audience this month when it was worse the national average," said Charlotte Solomon, in charge of the Praxis examina­tions for the Educational Testing Service, a private company that supplies the tests in question, that "it beg­ins the question of whether it's good enough." Around the country, state education officials are ask­ing whether tests of general knowledge and of specific subjects are rigorous enough to ensure that able students become teachers. The issue has risen in importance because of widespread efforts to raise standards for what children should know and be able to do.

For some states, it means altering standards for the first time.

In October in New Hampshire, the board of education voted to adopt Praxis I starting this fall after years of the profession to anyone with a college teaching degree who could find work. Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen vetoed legislation that would have required the tests for teach­ers who already have jobs. Some 35 states use Praxis I or more advanced tests in the Praxis series used to certify graduates for general knowledge, "subject knowledge," and "subject knowledge." Some states have their own tests.

Explanations vary on why scores are low, but poor pay tops the list. "It clearly holds back who it is that's enter­ing," said Gordon Ambach, executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers. Teaching has become less attractive for women and minorities since barriers to other, more lucrative and prestigious jobs have been lowered. Education officials also point out that not everyone with low test scores goes on to teach or even get an edu­cation degree.

In Pennsylvania, education officials are beginning to raise the bar for a num­ber of tests. Among those being examined is a 120-hour, general knowledge test that excludes teachers who cover social studies, math, literature and the arts, and science.

"We have a relatively high pass rate, but as we look at the ex­ams and we look at the tests, we're not sure that it is a mean­ingful exercise," said Michael Polkoff, a deputy secretary of education. Nearly 91 percent of would-be teachers who took the general knowledge test last fall failed it.
Campus Ministry This Week

Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm, Campus Ministry-Badin Office

Campus Bible Study
Finishing the study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 - 8:00 pm, Stanford-Keenan Chapel

Taize Prayer

Friday, February 20, LaFortune Ballroom
"A Glimpse Into the Soul": An Art Exhibit
The artwork of Belinda Bryant and Alan Easter will be on exhibit at "Blak Kofee House."

Friday-Saturday, February 20-21, St. Joe Hall

Sophomore Class Retreat

Saturday-Sunday, February 21-22, Five Pines

Hispanic First Year Students Retreat

Sunday, February 22, 4:00-6:30 pm, Alumni Hall Social Room

LTR: Learning To Talk About Race
( Feb. 27-28 Retreat Pre-Retreat Plunge)

Monday, February 23, 5:05 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Memorial Mass - Justin Brumbaugh

Monday-Friday, February 23-27, 103 Hesburgh Library

Applications for NDE #51 (March 27-29)

Sign-up in progress:

Freshmen Retreat #16 (Feb. 27-28) for residents of Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Howard, Keough, Keenan, Lyons, McGlinn, Pasquerilla West and Sorin. Please see your rector or stop by Campus Ministry, 103 Hesburgh Library.
President prepares for conflict in Iraq

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Crawling closer to conflict with Iraq, White House advis­ers met Monday to plan a series of public events designed to brace the American public for risky mili­tary strikes against Saddam Hussein.

President Clinton, returning from a President’s Day retreat in Camp David, a week ago, said addressing American military leaders and personnel Tuesday at the Pentagon.

The next day, the president’s for­mation policy team will conduct a "town hall" meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

"We will be increasing the pace of the dialogues both with the American people and the international community so they will understand our determination to see that Iraq complies with United Nations Security Council resolutions," spokesman P.J. Crowley said.

Clinton was not expected to break new ground in his Tuesday address, but aides said it offered him the opportunity to fully explain the objectives and risks of military action.

Advisers have privately com­plained that the media has paid little attention to the potential conflict, focusing instead on allegations that Clinton had an affair with a White House intern and tried to cover it up.

Aides said the president’s speech would highlight:

- The global danger posed by Saddam, suspected pro­duction of biological, chemi­cal and nuclear weapons.
- Clinton’s resolve to "dimin­ish and reduce" Saddam’s arsenal through air strikes if necessary. He has previously vowed to "eliminate" the weapons; a goal advisers say cannot be achieved by air.
- His foremost destruc­tion the military his personnel and civilian military leaders have said in recent days that U.S. casual­ties should be expected.

Clinton is expected to echo the words of National Security Adviser Sandy Berger.

There is no go­vernment­wide risk-free option.

In hopes of preparing Americans for conflict, aides discussed a number of options Monday, including a prime-time address. Such a high-profile presidential statement is not expected in the near future, aides said.

Berger, who will join Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen in Ohio, also plans to conduct a round of interviews with Middle East and European jour­nalists.

Trial of midshipman wraps-up

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas

J urors began deliberating Monday whether former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora was a sociopath who killed a teen-age romantic rival or a helpless bystander manip­ulated into confessing.

Defense attorney John Linebarger told jurors in his clos­ing argument that Ms. Zamora’s then-fiance, David Graham, was responsible for the killing of 16-year-old Adrianne Jones. Linebarger described Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet, as a "macho G.I. Joe" who domi­nated Ms. Zamora and persuad­ed her to take the blame.

There is no evidence to sug­gest that Miss Jones was hit over the head with anything but the butt of a gun that we know was in the hands of David Graham, "Zamora’s then-fiance, David Graham, was responsible for the killing of 16-year-old Adrianne Jones. Linebarger described Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet, as a "macho G.I. Joe" who dominated Ms. Zamora and persuaded her to take the blame.

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NEW DELHI, India

Voters scarce because of riots

Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India

Frustrated by a series of failed governments, barely half the eligible voters turned out Monday to choose a new Parliament in elections that were marred by 24 hours of violence and 5,000 casualties.

Another 70 people were injured by land mines, in fights between rival political groups or in ambushes by rebels trying to disrupt the vote, held three years ahead of schedule. Still, Monday’s violence was not unusual in a democ­racy that endures despite sharp differences among its people.

Chief Election Commissioner M.S. Gill called the voting "largely a peaceful exercise" given its scale: 222 seats of the 545-member lower house of Parliament — the Lok Sabha — were being decided in the first of six days of balloting staggered by region.

About 250 million people were eligible to vote Monday. Elections officials estimated turnout at 50 percent.

After votes are counted in March, the party or coalition that wins a majority of seats nationwide will designate a prime minister. Nearly 5,000 candidates representing scores of parties are vying for 543 parliament seats, with the other two filled by appointment.

The Congress Party, which has governed India for all but five years since independence, has been battered by accusations it is corrupt and out of touch.

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party was expected to win the most seats — but not the majority needed to govern alone, which would leave India with another fragmented gov­ernment.

The outgoing United Front, a coalition of 14 parties that governed for 17 months until it resigned in December, was expected to fare badly after some of its parties splintered.
Lately, reading this paper makes me feel like I am baby-sitting. I have to ask because I really feel like we are all back in junior high and everyone doesn’t try to be nice. Everyone is looking for ways to attack others, to get back at them, and by offending my guy friends, and by offending my classmates, everyone feels the way they want us. Since you watch her more than the Notre Dame football, I see it, if you aren’t like her idea of a Notre Dame male, you have one of two options. One—try to change her. But if you do, you prove her wrong. Or two—stop trying and just become a person like her. I am sure you are a good person, but you aren’t like her. The way to improving moral conduct is not by putting down others, it is by changing ourselves. The way to improving moral conduct is not by putting down others, it is by changing ourselves. To my fellow peers, and those with roommates that are doing you a favor.

Brett Rzeczytalo

Brett Rzeczytalo is a junior English major at Saint Mary’s. Her column appears every other Tuesday. She can be found at The Observer, attached in purple ink, to Notre Dame men. She also finds “Men About Campus” amusing. Readers can direct anti-Saint Mary’s sentiments, or anti-“Men About Campus” sentiments to her e-mail address at rzeczytalo@students.nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

[Image]
BOMBING SADDAM WILL NOT WORK

Once again, the United States is preparing for possible military action in the Persian Gulf, and once again, the question is what to do with Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction. As far as bad guys go, Saddam Hussein's credentials are impeccable. Next to us, he's the biggest bully in the Middle East—a thorn in the side of Kuwait, the Kurds, and U.S. weapons inspection teams.

President Clinton has stated our objective is to "reduce or delay" Iraq's capacity to deliver weapons of mass destruction. But even if this were feasible, it's hard to imagine that Saddam's weapons program poses such a threat that the lives of Iraqis are expendable. There's a lot more danger from bombs, fighters, refuelers and U.S. troops.

Unfortunately, one thing they can't do is create peace.

BIG GUNS: WOORTH WORK
Curiously, the United Nations, for whom the bombs would fall, is urging the U.S. to exercise restraint and seek a diplomatic solution. But a realist, like Arab, one of our closest Persian Gulf allies, has said it won't allow attacks to be staged from its soil, and support from other U.N. nations is sparse.

Encouragement from Britain, Canada, Australia and Poland is, as an editorial in the Seattle Times put it, "hardly the cumulative wrath of an outraged world."

The only thing everyone can agree on is that bombing Iraq will be of little use. A senior State Department official was quoted in the New York Times: "In reality, I think the best we can do is reduce Saddam Hussein's stock of weapons, at least for a while, and give him some second thoughts about using them against any of his neighbors."

Military officials are left wondering if it's worth risking the lives of American pilots (not to mention innocent Iraqis) for a "temporary annoyance to the Iraqis."

"THE END GAME"

Some Republicans, including Sen. John McCain of Arizona, have criticized Clinton's policy toward Iraq as too timid. They say that the administration's actions and means are inadequate and are calling for an "end game" strategy—a plan to remove Saddam Hussein from power. But the "end game" proposition is the worst of our alternatives.

The Los Angeles Times reported Sunday that the FBI recently conducted a secret investigation of CIA officials on charges of attempting to murder Saddam Hussein. The Times noted that the Iraqi army crushed a covert action program in August 1996, and another program designed to attract and recruit Iraqi officers to plan a military coup had been destroyed two months earlier.

Thus far, Hussein has more than 100 military officers who have cooperated with American and British intelligence officials. Many analysts doubt the Iraqi regime's commitment to curb weapons of mass destruction.

EASE SANCTIONS TO MAKE PEACE

A few people think air strikes will work. Saddam Hussein must work with United Nations inspectors. Brent Scowcroft, the U.S. National Security Adviser during the Gulf War, in The Independent, "We bombed him heavily in 1991, more than the United Nations can do now, and he didn't change his mind about anything.

Even now, the power people have agreed that America's own weapons of mass destruction are a "sanctions problem."
The economic sanctions in place against Iraq, which are at the heart of this diplomatic struggle, are having no incentive to cooperate with weapons inspectors unless there is a prospect that its economic isolation will end.

Air strikes will have limited strategic utility. Sure, at stake in the short term is the credibility of U.S. threats, but in the long term, credibility can only come through responsibility. That the United States is determined not to lift the sanctions as long as Saddam Hussein remains in power is a sign that we haven't learned from history (think Cuba). Like Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein isn't going anywhere.

I agree with Patrick Cockburn, who writes, "An end to the embargo and the isolation of Iraq should be discussed at the same time as the practical and bilateral security of Iraq's non-conventional weapons in the same negotiations."

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Samantha Snyder

Helen Reilly

February 13, 1998

We Must Defend Rights of Mother and Child

As I read the recent letter to the editor entitled "Calling all liberals to Show Hearts," I found that many of the ideas expressed by the author identified acceptable and even necessary responses of Christians to many of the social problems occurring today. I agree with the author that Christians who recognize Christ's presence in all members of society regardless of socioeconomic status or race should, as the author stated, "believe in helping people."

However, I was profoundly discouraged by the author's inclusion of the acceptance of abortion as a criteria for whom the viewer wants to live out the gospel of Christ. The author, who rightfully equates embracing Christianity with helping others, contradicts his own stance by advocating a "choice" that in fact hurts women and their unborn children.

Christians are called upon to help them because we recognize the great gift of life that God has given to each of us and want to protect it at every stage.

The author is inadvertently weakening his call to enhance the lives of some society's most vulnerable members (namely those on welfare, victims of discrimination, and immigrants) by ignoring the plight of two other categories of vulnerable persons deserving of respect—"the unborn child and the mother faced with a crisis pregnancy.

As Christians, we are called upon to include these two categories of individuals within the scope of our concern. Advocating that women should have the option to abort their unborn children even when we are aware that this choice often subjects them to both short and long term health, emotional, psychological, and spiritual consequences is not an act of concern. Christians are called upon to reach out to women who, as the author states, "do not want, are not ready, or cannot afford to have a baby."

Chances are that the attitude of the abortion-minded woman toward the child she bids her heart to kill is not a concern that she needs to give up her child. As Christians, we need to give her that support, not champion her "right" to abort that child as a victory for her selfish thinking.

It's time liberals realize that concern for humanity must include concern for the abortion-minded woman and her unborn child.

Isaac Ruiz

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Accent Asks...

What was the best or worst Valentine’s Day gift you’ve ever received?

“It was a tiny box I got from a guy in eighth grade. When I opened it my mom came in the room and to both our surprise it was lingerie. It was when he asked me to try it on when I got really offended.”

Carolyn Bush
Freshman, Cavanaugh

“I got a fish once. I had to take care of it the whole semester. It was terrible. I ended up giving it to a freshman girl.”

Joe Hand
Junior, Dillon

“The greatest gift was my Tufts hat. I’ll never take it off.”

Jen Green
Sophomore, Breen-Phillips

“I got a vibrating Mr. Potato Head last week, and it was the best gift a guy could get.”

Mike Morales
Sophomore, Knott

“In the second grade Brent Zylka gave me gerbils for Valentine’s Day. Their names were Salt and Pepper. I love the gerbils, but as for Brent, one day while climbing trees he saw my underwear and it was over.”

Amanda Kostner
Senior, Lyons

To buy or not to buy?

By Ross Ramunno
Accent Writer

Well kids, you just experienced that hallowed day when you should have demonstrated your true feelings for that special someone in your life. No, I’m not talking about when you got really drunk at Corby’s and hit on that girl from your philosophy class. I’m talking about Valentine’s Day.

Ah, yes, Valentine’s Day. This past weekend was a great source of anticipation, stress and dread for every male biped with the ability to use simple tools (including chimpanzees). I understand why this day worried many of you, but you shouldn’t have had to worry any longer. If you followed the helpful tips and guidelines I am about to reveal, then you probably didn’t screw it up.

Why would you ever need this help? A few short years ago I might have asked the same question. You just get a few flowers, tell her she’s great, and everything works out, right? No — listen to my cautionary tale of woe.

For some reason, a completely rational, intelligent and sentient being can make some pretty stupid decisions.

Three short years ago I was struck by one of those momentary lapses of reason that leaves you scratching your head and wondering how anyone would ever allow you to operate heavy machinery. I sometimes suspect that it was just my true bonehead nature shining through, but for the purposes of this story, let’s just assume that I generally function in the manner of a normal human being.

Let me start by saying, “You should have just gotten her flowers.” I know that this may seem a little mundane, but it is also safe. There is no possible way you can screw this gift up. I think this holiday might have been started by some guy who had the vision to say, “Hey, we need a holiday that the ladies will love and that there’s no chance for us to screw up.” Unfortunately, what this man failed to realize is that, as a rule, we men don’t even need an opportunity to screw something up — we just find a way.

For example, look at the guys on campus who sat around on the evening before Valentine’s Day, beat their heads against their microbiology texts and tried (usually unsuccessfully) to come up with that one gift that would really impress her. This is where things get dangerous. If you found yourself in this position, the only reasonable solution should have been to go to bed, get up early the next morning and buy her some flowers and candy. The worst possible solution would have been a midnight Meijer run.

But, if you did go ahead and make that midnight trip to Meijer, I hope
you didn't even think about turning your head in any other direction than the floral department. If you did, you probably walked out of there with a $5 gift from the automotive aisle. How do I know this? Because it happened to me. I am a victim of my own inability to finish a simple task without completely losing focus on what I originally set out to accomplish. I know that right now a few of you are laughing and thinking that this was a ludicrous idea. It would be unusual and maybe even wacky to do something like this for Valentine’s Day. Banish all such thought from your head immediately. As I, and surely some of you found this weekend, an ice scraper is not the way to a lady’s heart.

Once you pull off something like this, you begin to believe purchasing car accessories for a romantic holiday is acceptable behavior. You may be able to pull off something like this once or twice, but if you continue to act this way you will become a member of what we veterans like to call "The Boys' Club." And if you become a member of this organization you will spend your next Valentine’s Day exchanging gifts with your friend Steve who lives down the hall.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the concept of the Boys' Club, let me explain. It means that you spend your weekends, as well as your weekdays, with the boys. You eat with the boys, you drink with the boys, you possibly even go out to dinner and a movie with the boys. Does anyone see the pattern here? That’s right, a distinct lack of activities with anyone who is not one of the boys. Not that there is anything wrong with spending some time with the boys, but once your name is mentioned with respect to possible canonization in "The Boys' Church," you begin to suspect that something is amiss. Thus, I hope all of you confined, frustrated souls out there have acted in accord with my words of wisdom, and if not, that you will take them to heart. All of them (well, most of them) are true.

I also hope that you appreciate what I’ve done for you, because I feel that by helping a few guys out I might have just taken one for the team. In fact, at this very moment there are probably a large number of ladies on this campus who have just added this jerk who bought an ice scraper for Valentine’s Day to their list of "guys who deserve lifetime achievement awards for the Boys' Club.”

So keep in mind the dangers inherent in your own reasoning. Remember that if you waited until the last minute and grabbed a spurt-of-the-moment gift, you have, without a doubt, screwed it up. Don’t feel bad; there’s nothing you can do about it. But don’t lose all heart, there is hope for you if you descend to the depths of The Boys’ Club. If you accept your flawed nature and make a conscious effort, you can turn yourself around. Believe me, this year I tried. I think Steve was pleasantly surprised with his Valentine’s Day high-speed modem upgrade.

1. The realization that it was not a nightmare: you really were here in South Bend instead of on a deserted beach with sunshine.
2. Roommates can provide an intimate setting of 3 or more.
3. You could always save money by treating your date to slices of delicious pizza at The Huddle instead of a pricey meal at Tippecanoe.
4. You could become the object of a squirrel’s affection and drop out of school.
5. You can pick your date up from Saint Mary’s in the luxurious United Limo.
6. South Dining Hall offers a great opportunity for romantic, candlelit, home-cooked dinners.
7. You could receive gift certificates to the Beacon Bowl, enabling you to cross it off of your wish list.
8. Pantets. They will either make your date nice and short, much to your relief, or make you cherish that short time together. But either way, by 2 a.m., it’s over.
9. Bridget’s is closed, so your date can’t splurge on a romantic penny pitcher. He or she will have to go all out and purchase Natty Light.
10. Cold, rainy weather assures an evening stuck in the dorms, once again.
11. You and your date can make a special trip to the Gorch Games Room for couples’ night.
12. You could get an ice scraper as a gift.
13. Subscriptions to The Observer are readily available.
14. You could send flowers to yourself and get away with it by telling everyone they are from someone from home. Just be sure to hide your credit card bill.
15. A romantic workout at The Rock is always an option.
16. All Valentine’s candy is now on clearance. Go ahead, pig out.
17. You could send flowers to yourself and get away with it by telling everyone they are from someone from home. Just be sure to hide your credit card bill.
18. If Pamela Anderson or Leonardo DiCaprio denies you, you can always flip through the dog book to find a new love interest.
19. You can give your significant other some antibacterial soap to wash their hands after they use the restroom.
20. Drunken hook-ups at SYR’s.
Sprewell's hearing draws to a close

NEW YORK
Latrell Sprewell's arbitration hearing concluded Monday, with no decision yet. Sprewell hired Feerick to represent him, and the hearing ran three days in New York during the first week of February.

Sprewell had already missed 35 games, making his suspension the longest in NBA history. He has filed two grievances, one against the Warriors for terminating the remaining three years of his four-year, $32 million contract, the other against the league for imposing a one-year suspension after Sprewell attacked coach P.J. Carlesimo at pracice Dec. 1.

According to a person familiar with the family, his attorneys made a case that he was the first player to be penalized by both the league and the team for a serious transgression. His side also argued that the collective bargaining agreement clearly states that a penalty in a case like this may be issued by either the team or the league, but not both. Sprewell's side also argued that the one-year suspension was too harsh compared with previous penalties issued by the league. They also brought up cases of penalties issued by other sports in which penalties were issued by either the team or the league, but not both.

The NBA argued that the penalty was not excessive, since the lawyer's security department interviewed 23 witnesses in two days and determined that Sprewell got into a fight with Carlesimo, got punched and then returned some 20 minutes later and punched him.

Tar Heels still ranked at the top

North Carolina, Duke, Arizona and Kansas held the top four spots in the AP college basketball poll Monday, continuing to separate themselves from the rest of the field in the final week of February.

The Tar Heels were again the runaway No. 1 choice with 68 first-place votes and 1,744 points, 108 more than No. 2 Duke (23-2). Arizona (21-3) had the other No. 1 votes and 1,605 points, while Kansas (27-3) had 1,386.

This was the seventh poll this season, including the preseason rankings, where those four teams held the top spots in order.

Duke, Butler, Indiana and Illinois last week, moved up three spots to fifth and had 1,379 points. Stanford, which rebounded from losing three of four games with road wins over UCLA and Southern California last week, moved up four places to round out the Top Ten, the biggest jump of the week in the rankings.

New Mexico again led the Second Ten and was followed by UCLA, South Carolina, Michigan State, Mississippi, Kansas, Cincinnati, Tennessee and Cincinnati.

The last five were Syracuse, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Wake Forest and Georgia Tech. The Big Ten teams were Purdue, Indiana, Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois and Iowa.

Three leagues -- the Southeastern Conference, the Big Ten and the Western Athletic Conference -- have each had five teams ranked.

Rhode Island (18-6) fell out of the rankings after No. 25 following a split of last week's games. The Rams have lost a second straight, starting with their biggest drop of the week was Georgia's Washington's fall from 17th to No. 24 following losses to Rhode Island and Dayton. The Colonials (20-5) had won 15 of 16 before last week's losses to Georgia and Tennessee.

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Rodman benched and fined

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Dennis Rodman was a no-show for a second straight practice Monday, the third time in less than a month the renegade rebounder has missed a workout with the Chicago Bulls.

The indiscipline has led to a spot on the bench for the start of Sunday's game and a fine.

"We're not going to wrestle and tussle with this because it's not something major. It's not anything that's causing us to lose," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said Monday at the team's sub­urban Deerfield practice complex.

"It's not something that is going to cause disruption. What we want is a team that goes into the playoffs in full health, and we can still accomplish that." Rodman told Jackson he lost the keys to his pickup truck and didn't have a way to get to Sunday's practice.

Jackson sent Rodman home before a game in New Jersey on Jan. 23 when the six-time-rebound champ missed the morning shootaround after being out late the night before. Jackson said he didn't know if Rodman's absence Monday was related to Sunday's incident. Rodman played just 21 minutes against the Pistons, going scoreless with eight rebounds.

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Malone leads Jazz to fifth straight win

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY
Karl Malone had 25 points and 11 rebounds as the Utah Jazz won their fifth straight game, 96-90 over the Charlotte Hornets Monday night.

The Jazz announced during the second quarter that they had acquired center Rony Seikaly from the Orlando Magic for Greg Foster, Chris Morris and a 1999 first-round draft pick.

Fans at the Delta Center roared with approval.

Utah survived a big fourth quarter by Glen Rice, who scored 15 of his 30 points in the final 3:04. Rice hit three 3-pointers in less than two minutes and cut Utah's lead to 89-86 with 1:06 left.

Utah's center, who was traded for Greg Foster, had 12 points and 11 rebounds as the Jazz took a 43-39 halftime lead to 51-48.

The Jazz made five turnovers in the final six minutes of the third and entered the fourth quarter up just 65-59.

With the win, the Jazz have beat all eight Division teams at home this year. Utah is 16-4 overall against the Eastern Conference.

The trade was held up Sunday over results of the physical exams taken by Williams and Trent.

There was a minor concern with Williams' right knee," said Toronto spokesman Matt Akler, referring to magnetic resonance imaging tests that Toronto had done on Alvin Williams and Trent.

"The doctors think Williams may need arthroscopic surgery, so to give further insurance, Portland is adding a second-round draft pick this year."

There was no word from the Blazers Monday on how the problem was resolved, but the team planned to have Stoudamire and its two new forwards in uniform Tuesday at home against the Golden State Warriors.

While Stoudamire suits up for Portland, Toronto will be without Anderson, who said before the trade that he would not report if he were traded to the Raptors. Anderson has until Tuesday to report.

"General manager Glen Grunwald is giving him another day," Akler said. "We'll decide then. He faces possible suspension."

Raptors general manager Glen Grunwald has not ruled out making another deal to move Anderson before Thursday's trade deadline.

Anderson's agent, David Falk, is trying to broker deals with New York, Orlando and Boston, ESPN reported Sunday night.

"We've looked at a lot of things, but I can't tell you if anything is going to happen," Grunwald said.

The Raptors could fine or suspend Anderson for failing to report by the 48-hour post-trade deadline, but Grunwald did not indicate if he planned to do this.

"I spoke to him (Saturday) and told him about the situation here and he had very little to say at that time," Grunwald said.

"I explained to him how much we liked him as a player and how much we'd like him to be part of our future here."

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**When:** Wednesday, February 18, 1998

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maybe even get second. The top six teams will all be bunched together, but we can push past and do better than the other teams. Some of the Notre Dame records have been around entirely too long and I think the majority, if not all, of the records are going down; we've already broken quite a few and this will be our first 'shave and a razor' meet.'

The Irish won 10 of 11 individual events, losing only the 200-breaststroke and the 400-medley and 400-freestyle relays.

Notre Dame individual winners were Wes Richardson 1000-freestyle, Rob Fetters 200-freestyle, Russell Preston 50-freestyle, Ray Fitzpatrick 200-individual medley, James Scott-Brown 200-butterfly, John Steffen 100-freestyle, Scott Zumbach 200-backstroke, Ryan Verlin 500-freestyle and Herb Huesman one-meter dive.

Notre Dame dominated the 200-freestyle, placing the top four finishers (Fetters, Royer, Scott Koziar and Steffen) nearly two seconds ahead of the closest UWM swimmer.

This Wednesday through Saturday, the team will head to Pittsburgh to compete in the four-day Big East Championships.

The Irish have finished seventh in the past two seasons, but are confident that they will do better this year and hopefully finish among the top three. To do well, the Irish will rely heavily on seniors Cardwell, Brian Najarian, Royer, and Slade Nualz for leadership and point scoring.

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Others on the Irish team who must perform are Herb Huesman, Ray Fitzpatrick, James Scott-Brown, and Scott Zumbach.

When this year's seniors arrived as freshmen, they finished 5-9 but have improved their record each year.

"This year has really had a sense of closure, especially during the twilight of my career," Cardwell said. "We have a really talented class of freshmen, and only four seniors, but I am looking forward to passing on the torch and seeing what the team can do with an entirely new class of freshmen."

Notre Dame swimming has already recorded one of its best seasons in history and the team now heads into Pittsburgh with a great opportunity to earn its best Big East finish and put an exclamation point on the end of the season.

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West jumps to eighth best in nation

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

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gathered from the pole vault, due to a hamstring injury, and with top sprinters Errol Williams and Danny Payton competing in the Butler Invitational instead. "These races were great preparation for the Big East," said head coach Joe Plano. "We actually had some kids perform very well at Ann Arbor, but there was no way we were going to do well as a team because of all the people that we didn't bring."

Field events coach Scott Winsor was pleased with the meet as a whole, although he noted that the absences of Brown trumped 12th in the nation in the pole vault and triple jumper Adrian Erby were sorely felt.

"The throwers didn't have the day that we wanted them to, but they traditionally come up very well at the Big East," said Winsor. "We had some performances that we really needed — Marshall West in the long jump. Brown will jump next weekend. Junior Bobby Brown in the pole vault, and Carri Lenz to the Butler Invitational on Saturday in Indianapolis. Williams led the Fighting Irish in a time of 7.83 in the 55-meter hurdles, which converts to being very close to his school record time of 7.29 in the 55-meter hurdles. He was the 3rd collegian and third overall. Payton won his heat of the 400-meter dash in 49.06.

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players wearing the Blue and Gold fouled out in less than 20 minutes of play. At the Hartford Civic Center, Garrity scored 15 points in just 19 minutes of play but the men in black and white-whistled him for five fouls during that span.

Notre Dame's other post players did not have much more success as Phil Hickey fouled out in 17 minutes and Rasmussen in 20. Tonight, the already depleted Irish can hardly afford to lose anyone.

"In the last game we went in there and started off kind of slow and not getting back on defense," Rasmussen said. "We were kind of playing soft and this time we just want to attack them right from the game."

"They know that both Pat and Phil are very important to our scoring and they just wanted to go at them right away," Rasmussen continued. "They just attacked us right away so this game we just want to try to put up points and foul as much."

Despite the imposing numbers put up by the Huskies and being forced to play without Friel, the team remains confident.

"Everybody has confidence that we can go into this stretch and win all the games," Rasmussen said. "We just have to play our game."

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Senior Phil Hickey must perform in the lane in order for Notre Dame to relieve some scoring pressure from senior Pat Garrity.
No. 15 Irish remain undefeated

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team proved it deserves to be mentioned as one of the best in the nation with an impressive 5-4 victory over No. 12 Tennessee. The 15th-ranked Irish improved their record to 5-0.

The third doubles team, consisting of Kelly Olson and Kelly Zalinski, provided the victory margin with a 9-8 tiebreaker win over Tennessee's Whitney Dill and Erin Lowery. Zalinski also won at No. 5 singles with a convincing 6-0, 6-1 win over Megan Russell. Freshman Michelle Dasso also won twice, at No. 3 singles 6-3, 6-4 over Dill and at second doubles with Marisa Velasco.

At the top spot, junior Jennifer Hall scored an impressive victory over Manisha Malhotra, 7-6, 6-4. Notre Dame beat Ohio State on Friday 7-2. The Irish won No. 3 through No. 6 singles and swept all three doubles. Olson pulled out a tight three set victory at sixth singles, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Dasso, Tiffany Gates and Zalinski all won in straight sets respectively. The closest matches of the day occurred at first and second singles. Hall suffered her first dual meet loss of the season with a 7-6, 3-6, 7-5 defeat by OSU's Kristy Duscoli. Velasco lost a tight three setter to Brian Harris at second singles, 7-6, 0-6, 7-6.

On Sunday, the Irish shut out Boston College 9-0. Senior reserve Darcie Sweet stepped into the lineup at sixth singles and scored a 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 victory over BC's Kara Swanson. Velasco, playing at the top spot, won 6-3, 6-2 over Cynthia Tow. In a freshman battle, Dasso proved superior with a straight set victory over Kiren Fernando 6-3, 6-4. Dasso had a perfect 6-0 record for the weekend.

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**Olympic Update**

Seizinger leads German sweep of combined events

Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan

Kati Seizinger, racing through heavy snow, led a German sweep of the women's combined event Tuesday and won her second gold medal in two days.

Seizinger, who won the downhill Monday, became only the second woman in Olympic history to win three Alpine gold medals, joining slalom skier Vreni Schneider of Switzerland.

Seizinger, who also won the downhill at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics, had a mostly flawless slalom run Tuesday (Monday night in Hawaii) to wrap up her combined event victory in an aggregate time of 2 minutes, 47.74 seconds.

Martina Fritz won the silver medal in 2:40.92, and the bronze in 2:44.76.

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**Ice Dancing**

Grishuk and Platov win gold again

Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan

No sooner had blue-nailed, white-hared Pasha Grishuk dried the tears of joy streaming down her mascara-smudged face, when the skating began.

"I think we had a better program overall," ice dancing silver medalists Anjelika Krylova said.

"I think there was some politics involved," added her partner, Oleg Ovsyannikov.

"For me, they don't bring the sport up," sniffed Natalia Dubova, who coaches the fourth-place finishers.

"They are Russians Pasha Grishuk and Yevgeny Platov. In this event, we've trained so much that we didn't have any complaints."

And together they soared above the carping and complaints Monday night, becoming the first couple ever to repeat as Olympic ice dancing champions.

Their performance to "Memorial Requiem" earned two perfect marks and left Grishuk, the platinum blonde with the purple skates and the colorful past, all choked up.

"It was our dream to win this gold and, of course, to make history. So we made it and it is fabulous. I don't know what could be better," she said.

Well, it probably would be nice if everyone agreed that their 22nd straight victory, an incredible streak even for this sport, was worthy of the gold.

Fellow Russians Krylova and Ovsyannikov certainly didn't think so.

"I don't know what to say," said Krylova, who referred to Pasha by her old name, Oksana. "Oksana and Yevgeny were skating and we did not see them in action. The public liked us better. I think we had a better program overall.

"I asked her partner, "We are on the ice to do our job, and this is what we do. We just skate. As for what is happening outside the ice rink, we don't care.""

"Oh, but they do, or else they wouldn't challenge the placings. And they aren't even the biggest complainers.

"I always thought Irvulin and bean, they did so much for our sport," said Dubova, who coaches Canadian's Sharif Lynn Bourne and Victor Kraatz. "I always ask myself what Grishuk and Platov have done. For me, they don't bring the sport up."

Grishuk, who'd like to skate professionally and attract some attention in Hollywood, thought Dubova was way off base.

"My feelings are really hurt," she said. "I think some people are not nice to me, because they want to beat me."

"But nobody does.

"And on this night, no one else marked their speed, power or complex maneuvers.

"Third place went to France's Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat, ahead of Bourne and Kraatz, who were the bronze medalists in the last two world championships. The Canadians used their rollicking "Riverdance" routine to beat the French couple's passionate portrayal of "Romeo and Juliet" in the free dance, but they were too far behind to move up.

"So, naturally, they cried."

"The Olympics is all about the survivor of the fittest," Bourne said. "It's about true games and sports. That's not what is in ice dancing right now. It's about off the ice."

**Women's Hockey**

U.S. and Canada set for finals rematch

Associated Press

This is a grudge match eight years in the making. Time hasn't dulled it. Familiarity hasn't softened it.

If anything, the U.S. and Canadian women's hockey teams are more competitive and better than ever as they play for the Olympic gold medal.

"We don't want to hear the American anthem. We don't want to see them in action. They liked us better," said Ukrainian Marina Uss. "We want to win the final for those reasons and for the gold medal."

"We've gone through a lot with this team," U.S. defender Tara Mounsey confessed. "Of course that brings in everybody's mind. You want a gold medal to erase that, leave it in history where it belongs."

It will be the fifth time since 1990 that the teams have fought for the title of best in the world — but the first time with an Olympic medal at stake.

In the previous meetings, Canada won cleanly until last April, when the fourth Women's World Championship ended with a fluke goal in a questionably refereed overtime game.

The stakes rose with the attention given the Olympics. Canada won seven exhibition games leading up to the Winter Games and the United States won six. Each had 37 goals total in the series.

Everything seemed even until Saturday's ugly preliminary round game. the last chance the rivals had to size each other up — or perhaps cut each other down to size.

The United States won it 7-4 with a six-goal comeback in the final period. The teams also generated 48 minutes in penalties and a controversy over whether a U.S. player had made a glove-up remark about a Canadian's recently deceased father.

The United States, allowing that rude remarks were exchanged, denied the story and tried to put it aside.

"We're a very focused team and we didn't let that bother us one bit," Mounsey said. "We know what happened. It's their problem. Let them deal with it. If they want to blow it out of proportion, blow it out of proportion. They're only going to affect themselves."

In anticipation of another nasty fight, the U.S. team worked on power plays and penalty killing in Monday's last practice.

"You've got to be prepared for a man-up or man-down situation. It seems like that's always been the way in the past world championships. It was who capitalized on the power plays," U.S. captain Cammi Granato said.

"It's going to be just like any other hockey game between us that you're going to see a huge battle back and forth."

Once, the teams got along fairly well. Canada's Becky Kellar and Katie King of the United States were teammates in hockey and softball at Brown University. Canada's defender Geraldine Heaney joined five U.S. players on a promotional tour for women's hockey equipment last summer.

But three days are gone. How far gone?
Aries: Try to keep your conversation light and your hands to yourself today. You could offend someone who will turn out to be a formidable opponent.

Taurus: Circumstances force you into a community or sharing situation. Feelings of privacy and possessiveness will not be useful emotions today.

Gemini: You look and act only as good as you feel. Be kind to your body, or it will begin to rebel. Relaxation is the first and best cure, but you may need to go deeper into the health care system to fix what is bothering you.

Cancer: This is your day for fun, whatever that means to you. Play at love, play at art, or just play in the sandboxes.

Leo: Today you are run the risk of overdoing it. Put a lid on your bluster and use some of that ego energy for a socially useful task.

Virgo: This is your day of empowerment. Find your voice and begin a dialogue with those you hope to influence. Others will wonder why you have been silent for so long.

Libra: The time has come to face financial issues. You might need to give a little now in order to get a lot later. Materialistic habits may be at the root of your problems.

Scorpio: Your only limit today is the far edge of your imagination. The powerhouse duo of Pluto and Mars are both on your team. Think big, talk loud, and live large.

Sagittarius: Your situation becomes confused today. You feel out of step with others in a parade that goes nowhere.

Capricorn: This is one day when the words "let's do lunch" are a promise instead of a kiss-off. You overflow with some intangible quality that everyone else wants. Even fair-weather friends are hard to desire today.

Aquarius: This is not a good day to be caught in the glare of public attention. Your basic needs are loud today, and you want to attend to them in private. Friends who can read your mood are happy to leave you alone.

Pisces: Everything pleases you today. Simple tasks and ideas resonate with you today. Simple tasks and ideas resonate with you today.

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Puzzle by Robert Mathow

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Irish strive for consistency as season winds down

**Upcoming UConn game crucial for postseason hopes**

By JOE CAVATO

To say it's crunch time for the Notre Dame basketball team may be a bit of an understatement. After losing three of their last four, the Irish head into the final four games of the regular season knowing that if they will be doing any kind of dancing at all in March it will hinge on the outcome of the next several weeks.

"This is a very important stretch for us," freshman center Hars Rasmussen said. "We feel that we are an NCAA Tournament team; we've had our down times and had our ups times but we can pull it out."

The eighth-ranked Connecticut Huskies certainly provide Notre Dame an opportunity to prove itself as they will visit the Joyce Center fresh off a 92-67 thumping of Pittsburgh.

Tonight's contest starts a three game home-stead that head coach John MacLeod hopes will help reinvigorate his squad that currently stands at 12-10 overall and 6-8 in the Big East.

"The fans at home are great," Rasmussen said. "They're loud and take the other team out of the game, so having those three right in a row at home is really going to help us and the crowd gets us going."

The Irish will need a lot more than good crowd support if they hope to upset the Huskies who are 22-4 and 11-3 in the Big East. Connecticut has lost away games to St. John's, Miami and West Virginia. Conversely, Notre Dame defeated St. John's and West Virginia on the road but they will again be without the services of the most accurate three-point shooter in the conference in the person of Keith Friel.

"We just need to play our game," Rasmussen said. "We need to worry about what we're going to do not what they are going to do to us."

Huskies Richard Hamilton and Khalid El-Amin may give the Irish something to worry about. Hamilton will keep Notre Dame's defense busy as he did in his squad's 84-58 win over the Blue and Gold in early January. Hamilton poses one of the few threats to Pat Garrity's bid for back-to-back Big East player of the year honors.

The junior guard/forward's 22.1 points per game ranks just behind Garrity's 22.8. Hamilton will extend the defense as his 45 percent shooting from behind the arc is just second in the conference to Friel's.

Freshman sensation Khalid El-Amin averages 13.9 points and 4.3 assists per game as he controls the floor for the Huskies. Junior forward Kevin Freeman gets things done for his squad in the post as he chips in 11 points and 7.3 rebounds per outing.

In the 26 point loss to the Huskies earlier this year, three... see IRISH / page 16

**Men's Swimming**

Season ends with win streak intact

By MATT YUNG

The men's swimming and diving team fittingly concluded its regular season on Valentine's Day, recording a 131-105 victory over Wisconsin-Milwaukee to finish 11-1.

The win completed an eight meet win-streak with the team's last loss occurring over three months ago to Texas Christian. The win also gave the team the third most victories in school history and the most since the 1992-1993 season when they went 11-2.

"The neat thing was that we beat everyone soundly that beat us last year, none of our meets were really in question, we're doing the right things in and out of the pool ... from the beginning of the year our goal has been to finish third in the Big East Championships. First may be a little unrealistic, but we could... see SWIM / page 15

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